OTONARI COMPLEX

Chapter 09: Suspicion Detected

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SCANLATION BY AMPLIFIED

AIJIISHIBASHI

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09 SUSPICION DETECTED

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WHAT DO I DO?

I'LL GIVE UP IF THEY'RE NO LONGER HERE, SO I CAME HERE ALONE.

THEY'RE STILL HERE...!

Motif Pumps

A very simple design

STARBOOKS

...I'LL DRINK COFFEE

THEN CONSIDER AGAIN IF THEY'RE STILL HERE WHEN I COME BACK...

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Schedule for the interview, huh...

Yes

Please be careful it's hot.

A mail from Ayaka...

Oh

I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!

HOT!!

EH

WAH!

AH!!

What should I reply...?

YOU'RE FROM LAST TIME ...!!

AH...

I'LL IMMEDIATE-LY APPLY COLD...

I AM SO, SO SORRY!!

TOILET

Coffee got on them

EH

That's the ladies' room!!!

I'll wash my hands for a sec.

I'm used to it.

It's alright.

AND I ALSO APOLOGIZE FOR MISTAKING YOU FOR A BOY...

I sincerely...

IT'S OKAY. COFFEE COMES OFF EASILY.

I HOPE IT DOESN'T STAIN YOUR CLOTHES ...

DO YOU SHOP AROUND HERE OFTEN?

YUP

EVEN WHEN I'M NOT SHOPPING, I COME HERE FOR TEA JUST LIKE TODAY.

I SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING BECAUSE YOU TREATED ME. THANKS.

Coffee

THAT DOESN'T EVEN SUF-FICE AS AN APOLOGY!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THIS IS BECAUSE OF MY CARE-LESSNESS!

Yummy

WE'RE LINKED BY FATE IN A SENSE.

Interesting.

TO THINK THAT WE'D MEET TWICE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

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HEY, HEY.

We're probably the same age, right?

BUT WON'T YOU BE MY FRIEND?

I DON'T HAVE MANY GIRL FRIENDS.

IT'S WEIRD FOR ME TO SAY THIS AFTER CAUSING YOU TROUBLE

I'M KUJI AKIRA.

Ah

UM...

SURE. IF YOU'RE FINE WITH ME.

REALLY?! I'M SO HAPPY! THANK YOU!!

Yay~

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CUTE ...!

I'M NISHIKUBO FUMI.

LET'S GET ALONG WELL.

Hehe

AKIRA-CHAN?

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YOU'RE PROBABLY THE TYPE BOYS CAN'T LEAVE ALONE!!

EH

I MEAN, YOUR ACTIONS AND SMILE ARE SUPER CUTE!

FUMI-CHAN, YOU SEEM POPULAR~!!

OH, WE SHOULD EXCHANGE CONTACT INFO.

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BUT I DECLINED THEM ALL, YOU KNOW?

That's amazing~

Date invitations

THAT'S NOT TRUE~

I ONLY GOT DATE INVITATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ehehe...

THA-

...YEAH

THAT'S ACTUALLY IT.

But the fact that you're declining all of them...

MEANS YOU'LL HAVE A DATE ON CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?

WOW~

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED, AKIRA-CHAN.

HMM~ I GUESS I CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION AND SHOW YOU A PHOTO.

OH~ WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?

THIS IS MY BOYFRIEND~

HE LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

THERE REALLY ARE ACCIDENTAL RESEMBLANCES~

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ARE YOU DONE SHOPP--

ING?!

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HEY

YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND MAKOTO?!!

!!!?

SO

THAT GIRL SAID IT'S HER BOYFRIEND AND SHOWED YOU MY PHOTO?

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING WHILE GRABING HOLD OF SOMEONE'S FACE?

OWW

OWW

Okay. dismissed.

YOUR EYES WERE PLAYING TRICKS ON YOU.

YOU PROBABLY MISTOOK HIM FOR ME.

RIGHT!!

IT WAS ALL TOO SUDDEN I COULDN'T EVEN SAY A COMMENT.

Ouch

EH...?

THERE'S NO WAY I'D MISTAKE A PHOTO OF YOU.

S-SO YOU REALLY HAVE ONE--

I SAID "IF"!

What a pain.

Hya!

AKIRA

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK IF I DO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

IF MAKOTO HAS A GIRL-FRIEND...

"WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? THAT'S SO COLD OF YOU."

IS WHAT I WOULD THINK.

SHUT

MAKO...

I'M BUSY, SO GO HOME NOW.

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I SEE.

SHUT UP! GO HOME NOW AND DO YOUR REPORT AS WELL!!

BUT WE'RE NOT DONE TALKING! SO WHAT'S THE TRUTH?!

HEY, WHAT'S ALL THE RUCKUS?

SIS

Makoto shut me out...

Eh? What did you do, Akira?

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BUT OUR DEFINITIONS OF "PRECIOUS" ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

WE ARE EACH OTHER'S PRECIOUS CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? THAT'S SO COLD OF YOU.

I FEEL LIKE THAT I WAS FORCED TO REALIZE THAT.

CAN'T YOU AT LEAST LOOK UNPLEASED?

IDIOT.

Coffee

Lots of milk

MILK

SAYAKA:
JUST A BIT OF SUGAR

Sweet tooth

AKIRA:
NO SUGAR,
LOVES CAFÉ AU LAIT

Doesn't drink sweet stuff too much

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MAKOTO:
LOTS OF MILK AND SUGAR
WANTS TO TOP IT WHIPPED CREAM, TOO.

PROBABLY CARAMEL MACCHIATO OR HOT CHOCOLATE...

That suits her

FUMI-CHAN, WHAT DO YOU USUALLY ORDER AT THAT CAFE?

I ALWAYS DRINK BLACK COFFEE~

A PERSON'S IMAGE SOMETIMES DOESN'T MATCH WITH THEIR PREFERENCES, HUH.

Somewhat

Oh

It's spicy and delicious~ ♡

I SOME-TIMES~ ADD CINNAMON POWDER♡

I was going to add some earlier.